

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2008

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); D Banks, Deputy Chairman; D Moore; and G Blackwell.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms E Woodburn; A Norwood and B Dixon.

Officers: F McMorrow, Director Economic Prosperity & Sustainability; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services (for Beach Monitoring item only); D James, Member Services Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also present: Councillors N Williams and T Knowles.
Shirley Williams; Tim Parker and Claire James – Sellafeld Ltd

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arrangement of Agenda

With the agreement of the Chairman, an additional item regarding the NDA Business Plan Consultation was added to the Agenda for reasons of timescales.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillors A Holliday; D Banks; D Moore; G Blackwell; N Williams and T Knowles declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Beach Monitoring

Members received a presentation from T Parker, Environmental Monitoring & Assessments, Sellafeld Ltd on Beach Monitoring.

Members were updated on the monitoring that has taken place between Ravenglass and St Bees and their findings.

It was noted that beaches in Whitehaven and Lowca would be monitored shortly and Members for these areas would be given prior notification when this will occur.

On conclusion of the presentation a question and answer session was open to Members.

It was **AGREED** that the presentation be noted.

Our Future, Our Choice?

It was noted that this would be the last year prior to a Parent Body Organisation taking over the Sellafield site and it was further noted that the levels of productivity and efficiency would need to be worked on. During this time Sellafield Ltd are aiming to publicise their achievements and to raise awareness. Copeland Borough Council gave full support on this and advised that they would help wherever possible.

It was **AGREED** – that

- a) the comments made be noted; and
- b) the Copeland Borough Council support Sellafield Ltd in publicising achievements.

NDA Business Plan Consultation

Members discussed the draft response to the NDA Business Plan Consultation.

It was **AGREED** – that taking on board further comments made by Members, the response be amended accordingly and submitted as Council's response.

The meeting closed at 2:25pm

Chairman